

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in the present application. Applicant notes that the Examiner has allowed claims 2-17, 19-20, and 27-32, and wishes to thank the Examiner. Claims 1, 18 and 21 are herein amended. Claim 1 is amended to correct a typographical error. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification as filed, including at page 6, line 32 through page 7, line 22; page 14, line 6 through page 15, line 2; page 23, lines 16-27; page 30, lines 34-36; and the claims as filed. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 was objected to for reciting "neutralized," instead of "neutralizes." Claim 1 has been amended to correct this informality. Applicant submits that claim 1 is now allowable, and requests withdrawal of the objection thereto.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §112, First Paragraph

Claims 21-26 are rejected for allegedly lacking enabling support for "immunizing" a mammalian subject. Claim 21 has been amended to recite "administering to" a mammalian subject. As the Examiner noted, "the specification [is] enabling for 'administering' a mammalian subject with a composition comprising the protein of claim 1." *Office Action, page 2, paragraph 6*. Applicant submits that the amendment obviates the rejection of claim 21, and claims 22-26 dependent thereon, under 35 USC §112, first paragraph and requests withdrawal of same°.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 18 and 21-16 are rejected for allegedly being indefinite in the recitation of "capable of." Claim 18 has been amended to recite "elicits an antibody," and claim 21 has been amended to recite "antibodies that neutralize infection." Applicant submits that the present amendments obviate the rejections under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, and requests withdrawal same.

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In light of the amendments and arguments contained herein, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all of the pending claims.

Enclosed is a check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 07763-048002.

Respectfully submitted,

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